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## **Lieutenant Governor Mike Parson Condemns Alleged Poor Treatment of Service Members at St. Louis Veterans Home**

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(**JEFFERSON CITY**) – An ongoing investigation by the Lieutenant Governor's Office over the past several months has revealed allegations of mistreatment and inadequate care of residents of the Missouri Veterans Home in St. Louis.

"I am deeply concerned by the allegations of mistreatment and inadequate care towards veterans of our armed forces at the Missouri Veterans Home in St. Louis," said Lieutenant Governor Mike Parson. "My office has conducted numerous interviews with family members as well as current and formers staff members of the facility to document their experiences in the hope of enacting needed change. We are also troubled by allegations of higher than average use of anti-psychotic medication on an as needed basis. As a veteran, I am personally offended by any allegation of mistreatment, and I am working with state agencies to ensure this is not happening at any veteran's facility in Missouri," Lieutenant Governor Parson said.

"The recommendation of the Lieutenant Governor's Office is a full investigation of allegations of mistreatment at the St. Louis Veterans Home by an independent agency," said Lieutenant Governor Parson.

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